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**Presiding Judge and Court Executive Officer of San Bernardino Superior Court  
Celebrate Law Day with San Bernardino County High School Students**

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – April 29, 2002 During the months of April and May, Presiding Judge J. Michael Welch and Court Executive Officer Tressa Kentner will visit four San Bernardino County High Schools, facilitating interactive presentations designed to help students gain an appreciation of our court and judicial system from the “inside” and to foster and promote future involvement in the “cornerstone of democracy,” the jury system. Included in the discussion is what the American justice system looks like from the perspective of the bench and the role that the each citizen plays in insuring that justice and fairness are maintained in society.

The San Bernardino County Superior Court and the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools partner to advance the education of San Bernardino County students in the principles of American Law, the influences of the law in their everyday life, the guarantees of freedom afforded to every citizen and the responsibilities that come with those freedoms. The four high schools participating in this year’s celebration include Fontana High School, Kaiser High School, Redlands East Valley High School and San Geronimo High School.

Law Day was first recognized by the American Bar Association in late 1950s. President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day by proclamation in 1958. By a joint resolution in 1961, Congress declared May 1 as the official date to celebrate Law Day. National Law Day is now celebrated throughout the year as national organizations, local, state and national government, and schools present programs that reflect on the role of law in protecting the rights and freedoms of the American people.